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action

Dear Real estate Workshop Committee/NAR & PWAR representatives,

Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you and I hope your efforts are rewarded.

Respectfully,

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Dear FTC & U.S. DOJ Committee,

I hope all is well. My wish is to have your support to save the Real Estate industry and protect the agents' careers. As a practitioner for 5 years, I feel my business is affected by unfair competition from entities such as:

- 1. http://www.forsalebyowner.com, as an example,
- 2. http://www.helpusell.com, and others of the like,
- 3. Agents list sellers' properties for a Fee in MLS and direct buyers to deal with sellers directly. What kind of message is this sending to the market? Those who like the use of the Internet as a media should use an online auction system. I pay to subscribe to my Regional MLS system.
- 4. Real Estate attorneys support/encourage both buyers & sellers and complete transactions to avoid real estates agents' engagement.
- 5. Discount brokerages offer reduced services for cheap. I don't think they doing anyone a favor.
- 6. Businesses buy sellers' properties for less to turn around and make a profit for their own, e.g. "We buy houses"!
- I hope you make every effort to put things in perspective so that the Real Estate industry survives and continues doing the right thing for the community.

Best,

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